REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of Entry in Register:	21 July 1995
Name of Applicant/Court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Top Secret
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Medium:	Film Poster
Format:	Video Slick
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: No

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video slick promotes and supports acts of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. This activity involves women being bound, gagged and otherwise forcibly restrained, in the presence of men. The text accompanying these depictions reinforces these images by referring to them in a salacious and prurient manner.

In regard to the submission of the importer it is noted that the video slick is for personal use only and not intended for commercial use.

In considering the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act), it is noted that the right of the importer to receive this information (s.14 of the NZBR Act) is subject to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society (s.5 of the NZBR Act). Given that the video recording promotes and supports acts of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty under s.3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, it is considered that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. The video slick is therefore classified as objectionable.

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